



Allen County Regional Transit Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 14, 2023

The Allen County Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees met on March 14, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m. in the Allen County Regional Transit Conference Room, 200 East High Street, Suite 1-B, Lima, Ohio. Proper public notice was given in advance of the meeting. Ms. Rex, ACRTA Board President, conducted the meeting.

PRESENT: Holly Rex, President
Doug Olsson
Joan Davis
Scott Cockerell
Rob Moening

STAFF: Brian Wildermuth, Co-Executive Director
Karen Garland, Co-Executive Director
Teresa Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

CONTRACTORS: None

LACRPC: None

ABSENT: Richard Schroeder
Joshua Parker, Vice-President

CITIZENS: Michelle Ramage, AAA3

Minutes:

1. Roll Call

Ms. Rex called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. Ms. Brown took roll call. A quorum of the Board was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Cockerell made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Moening seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Olsson made a motion to approve the February 14, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Mr. Cockerell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Ms. Brown presented January's financials, including a summary profit and loss YTD actual versus prior year, income statement YTD actual versus budget, detailed profit & loss, and balance sheet for January 2023. A Cash Receipts Journal and a Cash Disbursements Journal were also included. Revenue is up and expenses remain under budget, with a net gain for the YTD.

Ms. Davis made a motion to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Mr. Cockerell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Action Items and ED Report

Ridership is up from January and up from last February by almost 2,600 rides. If it keeps increasing at this pace there could be up to an 11% increase over 2022 ridership. The Lima City Schools have added quite a few passengers and Bath has added a student, along with increases from Medicaid clients going to Marimor. There has been another part-time driver hired to handle the additional ridership.

Mr. Beam provided an update on the garage expansion project on 3/3/2023. He will be out of the office for a few weeks in March but should have drawings ready before the April Board Meeting for approval to go out to bid.

The Ecolane Mobile App is progressing with the set-up call scheduled for 3/15/2023. The City of Lima has not responded as to their interest yet and the presentation for the County is still getting put together.

The trolleys for the loop are here. They need cameras and a passenger count system installed and some paint touch-ups. The benches need revarnished. For April's Board Meeting we will take a trolley out and drive the Lima Loop route.

Mr. Wildermuth and Mrs. Garland will meet with the city on the 24th to see what they have planned so far for the amphitheater with events and parking. Our Transportation Manager Kelli has still been looking at time points and the route, but we will wait until next year to put up bus stop signs for the loop in the Entertainment District. We are planning on offering service two - three days a week, Thursday/Friday evenings and Saturday during the day, plus any times the city has events.

The NTD report was submitted and is up for review.

Mr. Cockerell commented that it was very nice seeing the employees and vehicles in the parade the previous weekend.

6. Discussion Items

Mr. Cockerell asked what the seating capacity was on the new trolleys. They can seat 27 people plus have standing room for another 10- 13 people and are fully insured. Ms. Rex said she had called the Auditor of State office to see if there were any updates on the special investigation they are doing. They replied that they had all the documentation they needed, it just needed to be prepared and sent to the prosecutor's office to see if there was any follow-up needed.

7. RPC Updates

None

8. Citizens Comments

AAA3 representative Mrs. Ramage said they will have the FACTS Coalition Meeting at 10:00 on Thursday and the Silver Birch Gala will be held on April 27th.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Cockerell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Olsson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:17 p.m.

The next board meeting will be April 11th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. in the ACRTA Conference Room.

Submitted: Teresa Brown
Teresa Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: Holly Rex 5/9/23
Holly Rex, ACRTA Board President